

The Daily Standard.

Saturday, December 27th, 1873.

The Dry Dock Scheme.

That the attitude assumed by the senior members for Equimault District and Victoria City, (Messrs. Robertson and McCright,) with reference to the scheme proposed by the Government for raising the funds requisite to build the contemplated Graving Dock at Equimault, should have taken everyone very much by surprise, is only what these gentlemen might have anticipated, from the prominent relation they bear to the two districts, which above all others in the Province, are the most deeply interested in the success of that great public undertaking. It may be truly said that to the care and guardianship of those two gentlemen has in a very large degree been committed the maritime interests of this Province, and that whatever views other members of the Legislature might deem it their duty to take with reference to the construction of the proposed Graving Dock, opposition from that quarter was certainly never contemplated. We do not give expression to universal public sentiment when we declare that the opposition raised by these two gentlemen to the excellent scheme of the Government to ensure the almost immediate commencement and early completion of the dock, is a serious blow aimed at the welfare and prosperity of the coasting trade they represent and a betrayal of the sacred trust placed in their hands by a too confiding people. Let anyone take up and read carefully the speeches made by Mr. Robertson as the mover, and Mr. McCright as the seconder, of the amendment to the Government scheme, and we feel assured that but one conclusion can be arrived at, and that is, that the secret motive governing these gentlemen is one of pure and unmitigated selfishness; a desire to obtain office, even though its accomplishment should jeopardize, if not absolutely defeat, the accomplishment of the dock scheme. The arguments used by Mr. Robertson, if arguments they can fairly be called, are so utterly flimsy and groundless, that when the printed report of his speech was placed in his hands the day after its delivery, he can scarcely have felt otherwise than mortified at the feebleness of his effort. There is no attempt to show that the proposition made by the Local Government to the Government of the Dominion, for a cash advance of £50,000 to aid in the construction of the Graving Dock in lieu of the guarantee of interest at five per cent. on £100,000 for ten years provided by the Terms of Union, is not the very best one that could have been suggested, and if, conceded by the Dominion Government, would not place the success of the dock beyond a peradventure. He tells us that the Government should have had an alternative project—two strings to its bow, so that if one failed it could have supplied its place with another. But when the one string proposed was amply sufficient to meet the requirements of the case, he failed to show what necessity there was to multiply the number. He had before him Mr. Mackenzie's reply to the proposal of the local Government, in which he promises to submit a measure to the Dominion Parliament to carry the same into effect, or to adopt some other scheme equivalent thereto; the plain meaning of which is, that he (Mr. Mackenzie) saw no objection to the proposal, but that as no change could be made in the terms of union without the authorization of Parliament, all he could do was to assure the local Government of his approval of the scheme, and to give his promise that a bill should be submitted to Parliament to give legal effect thereto. Yet in the face of this frank acceptance of the scheme by the Premier of the Dominion, and his assurance that the same should be confirmed by the requisite legislation, Mr. Robertson has the assurance to oppose the scheme, not because it is a bad one, or unfeasible, but because he thinks it "destined to end in utter failure." Why should he doubt the word of Mr. Mackenzie in a matter such as this? What object could that gentleman have in trying to deceive the Government and people of this Province by making such a promise, if he did not intend to fulfill it? If he disapproved the proposition, or had reason to believe the House of Commons would not sanction any alteration in the terms of union to give effect thereto, he is not the man to hesitate a moment to say so; but the promise having been given, Messrs. Robertson and McCright may rely upon it he will make it good. Because the present Mackenzie Ministry had always opposed the British Columbia treaty, is no reason in the world why that Ministry, seeing the treaty has been made, will not honestly and faithfully carry out its provisions, both in the letter and in the spirit; and hence for Mr. McCright to say that Mr. Mackenzie's letter means nothing, is to say that the plainest kind of words really have no meaning. The great importance of the scheme in a purely financial point of view, the Hon. Attorney General, in his masterly reply to the specious arguments used by Messrs. Robertson and McCright, very clearly set forth, and in order that the general reader may clearly understand the subject, we reproduce the following extract bearing upon the point. The Attorney General said: "The whole guarantee is simply a ten year annuity. What is its worth in cash? If the dock is not completed, nothing. If completed in three years, £25,000 at the most, or say in round figures £150,000, its cash value, if we wished to sell it, if, however, we did not desire to sell it, Mr. Speaker, the figures according to the annuity tables show that from 1871 (date of completion of dock) to 1887 (ten years), £25,000, the interest at five per cent. on £100,000, paid annually (but not in advance) would represent in ten years with annual interest on the several payments, £22,889 or £24,445 at \$5 to the pound. Mr. Mackenzie's offer of £50,000 or £50,000 in cash, would at five per cent. represent according to the same tables a gross sum of £24,282, or \$41,110, being £16,955 more than we could possibly obtain, if Mr. Mackenzie had insisted that we must be bound by the letter of the above contract." The present scheme is the first really feasible one that has yet been proposed for the construction of our much-needed graving dock, and any attempt to defeat it should be frowned down by every sincere well-wisher of the country. Surely the constituents of Messrs. Robertson and

McCright, who of all others are the most deeply interested in the success of this undertaking, will not stand quietly looking on while their representatives are doing their utmost to defeat a project second only in importance to their local interests in making Equimault the terminus of the Canada Pacific Railway. The defeat of this scheme now may mean the loss forever of a graving dock at Equimault. It is no secret that our American friends have in contemplation the construction of such a dock as we require here, at Tacoma, on Puget Sound, and they are at this moment actively availing the action of this Government in relation to their graving dock scheme. Should our Government be sustained in their efforts to procure the necessary assistance to undertake this great work in the spring, as they purpose doing, it is likely the enterprise of the Sound will be abandoned; but if Messrs. Robertson and McCright are permitted to have their way in this matter, they may bid farewell to a graving dock at Equimault, at least for the next quarter of a century to come. Citizens of Equimault and Victoria, are you prepared thus to see your most cherished interests sacrificed, and an important public work driven from your doors to find a resting-place on the other side of the Straits of Fuca? If not, then let prompt measures be taken to instruct your representatives in Parliament to aid the Government in their efforts to secure for you the dock with all its attendant advantages, or else to vacate their seats. And the sooner you do so the better.

Rotation.—As the seasons revolve, each with their peculiar interest, there is not one of the four more attractive than the "Christmas Holidays." The fact of an unprosperous past year and an obscure and unpropitious approaching new one, becomes very properly smothered in the strict observance of the season. With a full appreciation of the admirable stocks of others, temptingly reminding one of the holidays, and the utility of a full purse and a generous heart, we will be pardoned for our apparent vanity, in expressing a belief, that unlike them the specialities we have adopted for the occasion would do credit to any city of importance. A few choice and beautiful photographic pictures in appropriate frames, such as would adorn any respectable room; Photographic Albums, etc. To a moderate other attractions becomes painful. T. N. HIBBEN & Co.

RAYMOND SEWING MACHINE.—A. B. Gray has just received a new supply of these celebrated Sewing Machines, to which are added hemming, tucking, frilling, braiding, and other appliances. These Lockstitch Machines are made in three sizes, and are beautifully mounted on handsome walnut tables, and elegantly chased frames. They are easy to learn, light running and durable; and possess all the latest improvements, which render them suitable alike for finest work, and requiring sewing machines, should ascertain the merits of the "Raymond," which can be proven from numerous local references, all of a most satisfactory character. An inspection of these sewing machines, should ascertain the merits of the "Raymond," which can be proven from numerous local references, all of a most satisfactory character. An inspection of these sewing machines, should ascertain the merits of the "Raymond," which can be proven from numerous local references, all of a most satisfactory character. An inspection of these sewing machines, should ascertain the merits of the "Raymond," which can be proven from numerous local references, all of a most satisfactory character.

A RAFFLE is proposed representing a real value of \$25, to be divided into one hundred and fifty chances at \$1.50 each. There are eleven articles to compete for. The highest throw is to have the privilege of the first choice, and consecutively graduating the choices according to the numbers thrown. The articles comprise elegant photographic pictures, all handsomely framed, and mounted on masterpieces of art. Also three Imperial quarto books, profusely illustrated. One is a reprint of photographs from original engravings in the British Museum. Another is "The Vision of Purgatory and Paradise," by Dante Alighieri, illustrated with the designs of M. Gustave Doré. Also, by the same artist, "Avalon," by Chateaubriand, equally fine. These articles are upon elegant stands, and the list for those who wish to take their chances is open for inspection, at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s, Government street.

THERE can be no better illustration of the approved quality of the groceries, wines and spirits sold by John Boyd, Patrick's Corner, Johnson street, than in the large measure of patronage that has been extended him since he commenced business. Every article is spoken of as being the very best. Connoisseurs of whiskey declare his blend of that spirit to be unequalled in this market, for delicacy of flavor and genuine excellence. The blend will no doubt prove very attractive to families and others during the approaching festive season.

JEWELRY.—J. L. Jungermann, the well known jeweler of Government street, has, in addition to his ordinarily large and fine selection of fine goods, received by the last steamer, many of the richest kinds of jewelry, of the latest manufacture. These were imported expressly with a view to supplying purchasers for the ensuing holidays. Also the richest solid silver and electro-plated ware will be found there. Prices reduced to meet holiday trade.

The New Goods lately received by Thos. Wilson & Co., the oldest dry goods firm in Victoria, consist of Hosiery, Estamenes and other Dress Materials, Tweeds, Ruffings and Frillings, Lace Collars, Lace and Silk Ties and Hosiery, Black and Colored Silk Fringes, Dress Trimmings, Swiss Embroidery, Den's red Kid Gloves with Tassels and one and two buttons new styles in Dark Prints and Derbies.

CHRISTMAS MEATS.—Stafford & Goodacre, at their shop, corner of Johnson and Government streets, will make the finest display of beef, mutton, veal, sucking pigs, boar's head, etc., ever seen in the city, and rivaling in excellence and arrangement the best London shops. Their exhibition will be well worth seeing, and no Christmas table will be well furnished that has not upon it a roasting piece from STAFFORD & GOODACRE'S.

Memory presides over the past; Fells Coffee over the present. The first lives in a rich temple hung with glorious trophies, and lined with toasts; but Fells's Coffee has but one shrine and that is over breakfast table. Its aroma walks the earth like a spirit and can be found for sale at every respectable dealer's in British Columbia. Beware of spurious imitations.

PHOTOGRAPHS.—For the very best photographs, go to SHAKESPEARE'S Photographic Studio, next door but one to the Theatre, Government street, Victoria.

PROFESSOR RUTAN'S singing classes will commence in the large hall, Colonial Buildings, on Monday evening, 22nd December, at half-past seven o'clock.

New Advertisements.

Lecture. MRS. CHAMBERLAIN WILL LECTURE again at the Albert Hall, THIS EVENING at 7:30 o'clock. de27

Notice. THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE GLAD to meet his Constituents at Selkirk's Hotel, Equimault, at 9 p.m. on Friday, the 2nd prox., and at Pardon's Bridge Hotel on Saturday the 3rd, at 2 p.m. He considers the Government Scheme with regard to the projected Dry Dock. de27 HENRY COGAN.

CARD OF THANKS.

WE, the undersigned, beg to return our sincere thanks to the Victoria Public, for the kind and liberal manner, in which they responded to the "Mummers' appeal, in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home." We have the pleasure to report that the collection amounted to the handsome sum of One Hundred and Six Dollars and Ten Cents, (\$106 10). de27

SAMSON FAITH, EVERLASTING HOPE, UNIVERSAL CHARITY, OMNIPRESENT MERCY, and BALAM, de27

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, 2nd Floor, Macdonald, 1873.

NOTICE is hereby given that THURSDAY, the 25th, FEBRUARY, the 25th, and SATURDAY, the 27th, December, will be observed as Holidays at the Public Office, which will be closed on those days. de27 JOHN ASH, Provincial Secretary.

MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.

A COURSE OF FIVE SCIENTIFIC LECTURES, ILLUSTRATED BY EXPERIMENTS! WILL BE DELIVERED AT THE Rooms of the Institute, BY THE REV. PERCIVAL JENNIS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: DECEMBER 23—JANUARY 6, JANUARY 13—JANUARY 20, and JANUARY 27, AT EIGHT P.M. de27

The Ferminus Furore

Driving Machine, 'tis absurd, As we Victorians have often heard; That we attend such motoring strange, When Croquet, at Wm. Andean's, hang, de27

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New Advertisements.

I. O. O. F. NOTICE, THE REGULAR MEETING of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, is postponed until Friday the 2nd day of January, 1874, at 7 1/2 o'clock, P.M. By order of the W. M. W. C. C. de27

Wanted. SIX YOUNG WOMEN, and one who understands Making Button Holes. Apply to MRS. WILLIAMSON, Dressmaker, Kane street. de24 1m

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Dunville Irish Whisky, In Cases and Quarter Cases, de27

Thorne's Blended Scotch Whisky, In Cases, de27

Krug & Co.'s celebrated "Carte Blanche" CHAMPAGNE, In Cases, Pints and Quarts, de27

Swain Boords' Old Tom, In Case, de27

DeKuyper's Gin, In Green Cases, de27

Wharf street, Dec. 24th, 1873. de24 1m

PRIVATE BILLS.

PARTIES intending to make application to Parliament for Private Bills, either for granting exclusive privileges, or conferring corporate powers for commercial or other purposes of profit, or for doing anything tending to affect the rights or property of other parties are hereby notified that they are required by the Rules of the two Houses of Parliament (which are published in full in the Canada Gazette), to give TWO MONTHS' NOTICE of the application (clearly and distinctly specifying its nature and objects), in the Canada Gazette, and also in a newspaper published in the County or Union of Counties affected, sending copies of the Papers containing the first and last of such notices to the Private Bill Office of each House. All Petitions for Private Bills must be presented within the first three weeks of the Session, de27

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WINTER ARRANGEMENT. BARNARD'S EXPRESS Carrying the Mails LEAVES VICTORIA BY STEAMER ENTERPRISE, On Wednesday Each Week For New Westminster. EXPRESS CARRIERS leave New Westminster the following morning, reaching Yale in time to connect with the STEAMERS. de27

Down Trip. Single leave Barkerville on Sunday, arrive at Clinton on Thursday and Yale on Saturday. Canoe leave Yale on Monday, arrive at New Westminster in time to connect with Steamer Enterprise, which arrives at Victoria on Thursday. Connects at Cache Creek with Vance's Express for Okanagan. At Clinton with Ferguson's Express for Lillooet. And with Gallagher's for Dog Creek. At Quesnelt with Sylvestre's for Omineca. de27

The Daily Standard

Saturday, December 27th, 1873.

MARRIED.

On the 24th inst., by the Rev. S. McGregor, M. A., Mr. Frank Gutteridge, of Seattle, W. T., to Mrs. Emma Gutteridge, of San Francisco.

City Council.

A meeting of the City Council was held last night. Present: His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and the following Councillors: Gowen, Taylor, Hayward, Morton, Drummond and Keast.

On motion the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Mr. Thompson on behalf of Mr. Leclair respecting property in Washington Alley, and the right of roading thereon, and on motion the same was filed.

The account of Mr. George Baker for covering James Bay bridge was brought up, and a report from the city surveyor, in which a portion of the planing is objected to on account of inferiority of quality. On motion the matter was referred to his Worship the Mayor for decision.

Respecting a cave on Park road, which was reported as dangerous in the columns of this journal a few days since, the city surveyor reported the culvert dilapidated, and the whole road at that spot liable to cave in at any time. On motion the suggestion of the city surveyor to construct a brick culvert, was acted on, and the clerk ordered to invite tenders for building the same.

A number of accounts, amounting to \$117, were passed for labor on the streets, and the following were referred to the street committee for payment, if found correct:

M. Wells, \$33; W. G. Bowman, \$33; A. Strong, \$52; A. Nordquist, \$10; J. Robinson, \$18; DeWelderheld & Co., \$10; British Columbia Gazette, \$6 50; R. T. Williams, \$3.

Applications for the appointment of auditor to the City Council, were read from T. L. Allsop, J. C. Bales, W. C. Stiffen, M. J. Tierney, Plummer & Pagden, P. Cadell, J. N. Thain, Thos. Theobald.

On motion of Councillor Hayward, a ballot was spread—the fortunate candidate to be awarded the sum of \$75 for the work performed, and on taking the first vote, the following result was arrived at: J. C. Bales, 5; Plummer & Pagden, 1. Mr. Bales was therefore appointed auditor of the Corporation accounts to the end of the current year.

The by-law enforcing proper illumination of wharves during hours of darkness, and the provision of life boats on the same, was referred for its second reading to committee of the whole.

His Worship intimated that he had, by request of the Council, made the usual Christmas presents to inmates of the asylum, goal, and hospital.

The action of his Worship was endorsed, and on motion, the Council went into committee of the whole.

SPOTTED DEATH OF A SPIRITUALIST.—On

Sunday evening, Nov. 16, at the Athenaeum Assembly Rooms, in Birmingham, a spiritualistic service was held, and in the course of it a medium named Benjamin Hawkes, a top-dealer of New Zealand, addressed the meeting. He spoke for fully half an hour, appearing to be in his usual health, and then he described with startling vividness a scene in which the Apostle Peter had manifested himself to the assembled spiritualists. Peter had clasped hands with him, and he (Hawkes) felt the close pressure of the Apostle's grasp. From this he argued that it was quite possible to understand how Thomas of Didymus thrust his hand into "the Recesses of Divine Love." The instant these last words were out of the speaker's mouth he fell back on a chair beside him. There was great excitement for the meeting believed Hawkes was under strong "spiritual" influence. A few seconds elapsed, and a surgeon came up to the medium and found him dead. The meeting broke up in wild confusion.

Nicola Lake.—Advices from this section of the country state that everything is quiet in the valley. The weather had been very cold early in the month, but the stock is doing well. Mr. Robinson, M.P.P., had been on a tour through the valley to find out the wants of the settlers. He expressed himself well pleased with the settlement. There was a paper in circulation throughout the valley for signature, praying that the wagon road be continued and extended from the head of the lake to Kamloops, next season. It would be of much benefit to the settlement. The people of the valley are also very anxious to have the mail system extended further up the valley, as there are twenty-seven settlers located in the district from eight to thirty miles above the present post office.

AN APPEAL FOR THE ORPHANS.—Several citizens were canvassing the city yesterday in masks, on behalf of the orphans of British Columbia. A band organ, a donkey cart, several carriages, and four very energetic and important gentlemen managed to raise the handsome subscription of one hundred and six dollars, ten cents. Many regarded the effort as a farce, but it was nothing of the sort, the time honored English practice of Boxing Day was simply carried out by four "mummers," and for the satisfactory result those interested may thank alike a generous public and the energy and self-denial of the collectors.

PASSENGERS per steamer Prince Alfred for San Francisco.—Geo. Boole, Charming Aspender, Mrs. F. A. Hubbard, J. H. Decker, D. Crest, F. See, Capt. Morrison, W. Hawthorn, James McNaught, Mrs. McNaught, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, H. McCartney, C. W. Baxter, W. Jamieson, C. W. Wallace, R. Baines, Geo. Weston, Thos. Smart, J. Fisher, Wm. Davies, J. Mahood, A. Brooks, M. Bohra, Thos. Johnston, E. Fell, F. Cunningham, W. Johnson, W. H. Ritchie, C. A. McLeod, T. Simpson, G. Booth, W. Williams, J. Taylor and several others.

STUCK UP AT LAST.—A dispatch from Lightning Creek, Dec. 21st, gives the following: Point cut, not yet got to work. Van Winkle co. have struck it big at last; they washed up 233 ounces for last week. Victoria co. took out 233 ounces last week, water being very scarce. Vancouver co. washed up 120 ounces last week. Van and Costello companies are still working at their machinery. Weather mild; high wind prevailing at present.

FUNERAL.—The obsequies of the late Mr. W. T. Leigh, son of our worthy City Clerk, took place at the new cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral cortege was composed of a large number of friends, acquaintances, and members of the order of Freemasons. The rites were conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Oridge.

ADVISED PARTY SESSIONS.—License to sell spirits at retail for the next six months, was granted yesterday by the Bench, to the following persons, in addition to those already reported: Wm. Haynes, John Dorn, S. Eckstein, M. Rowland, H. Henly, J. B. Ross.

INDISPOSED.—We are glad to hear that Mr. Barnston, M.P.P., who has been suffering from the effects of a very severe trip from Cariboo, is so far improved in health that he will be able to take his seat in the Legislature at next meeting.

Mainland.

The steamer Hope, in proceeding up river on Thursday week, got as far as the ice jam only, and struck a snag, sustaining some slight injury. She returned to her wharf the following Saturday, and afterwards proceeded to winter quarters on the Coquitlam.

There was a dramatic performance at New Westminster on Monday evening last. The "Sever of the Rhine," and "Grimsby, Bagehaw, and Bradshaw," were placed on the boards.

The Sumas grist mills started to work on the 13th instant; they have lowered the price for grinding. The farmers have large quantities of grain on hand, and the question is, where to find a market for it.

The day of nomination for the next municipal elections, is fixed for the 3rd day of January, 1874, at noon, in the Chilliwack school house, and Thomas Lewis, Esq., of Sumas, is appointed returning officer. There will not be so much excitement this election as last; honor and glory have fallen below par. Indemnity to Councillors is strongly spoken of. They are urging on the Government the necessity of raising the Lulu Creek bridge, and having it rebuilt immediately. The Council has let contracts amounting to about \$500.

Mr. H. Cooper is progressing with his new sawmill at Popcum. Cattle are doing well, no scarcity of feed. Beef is retailing at 5/8 mass for eight cents.

Langley Corporation has resolved to circulate a petition through the district asking the Government to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of constructing roads in the settlement. It was resolved that the nomination and election for the municipality take place on the second Monday in January, 1874.

Rumor that the Mainland Indians are on the War Path.

The N. W. Herald has the following startling news, dated Clinton, the 23d December: A report has been in circulation for the past month, that the Indians on the Mainland anticipated making a raid on the whites. But being only a rumor it was not credited by anybody, until within a few days past, when the Indians at Kamloops, and between there and Cache Creek, have led people to believe that there was some truth in the rumor. A Mr. Kirkpatrick, living on the Thompson, who understands the native tongue, overheard a conversation between two squaws, in which the subject was talked of freely; that an outbreak was under consideration; that they had gone so far as to speculate on the best point to commence operations, but they were divided as to location between Clinton and Kamloops. There are at present about five hundred Indians gathered at Cache Creek for the purpose of a grand potlatch, but as this has been the second one within five weeks it looks a little suspicious, and some of the settlers at that point are very much frightened. We saw the above statement as it is currently reported; a few believe it, and all admit it to be probable. One thing is certain—the thing has been talked of among the Indians for the last two months.

Nanaimo.

The Isabel, Capt. Brennan, with the bark Remijne in tow, coal laden, arrived here yesterday afternoon from Nanaimo. The bark, which was formerly the Albatross, went into Esquimalt harbor to ship a portion of her lumber cargo, beached when she was sold at auction some time ago. The Isabel towed to Nanaimo the W. C. Parks for coal. There were three vessels loading at the Newcastle pit, and the Douglas pit, Nanaimo; and three at Dunsuir's pit, Departure Bay. They were the Mary C. Glover, the Union, the Dashing Ware, the Antioch, the W. C. Parks, and another. The steamer Barrow had towed the Antioch from the Sound, and had left for Burrard Inlet to take the bark Amie from Moody's mill to Hulsday mill, W. T., to receive there her cargo of lumber; the recent fire at Moody's rendering this course necessary. There was nothing later heard of Mr. Burrell, supposed to be drowned.

The Speech.

Perhaps the first thing that will strike those acquainted with British Columbia "Speeches from the Throne," on reading the speech which we publish this morning, is the almost total absence of upbraidings. Two lines of welcome, and three of protest, and His Excellency passes on to the matter of solid importance of which he desires to speak. We have no uncertain sound on the all-important railway matter. The Dominion—says His Excellency, speaking for the Province, has failed to fulfil its promise, and a protest has been entered; but the Province has carefully kept the letter of its agreement. This treatment of the subject will commend itself to every one who is anxious both for the welfare and the honor of the Province. The matter of the Graving Dock, although still in suspense, appears to be in a much better position than formerly, inasmuch as it now appears not impossible that the work may be undertaken. The protest taken in the matter of opening up the interior communication of the country, is one that will be hailed with joy by the entire Province; and the proposition to prosecute surveys on an extensive scale will be endorsed by all progressive men. The hint given to the amendment of certain acts recently passed, is just what all must have expected, as it would have been to suppose that all the necessarily tentative measures of the past two years would prove perfect. The closing hope that prosperity may soon dawn more fully upon the Province, fits better to the present speech than it did to any previous one which we can remember, since this is the first document which the kind which has for a long time been a bold, self-helpful policy. Politically, the speech must have been a bitter pill to the Opposition, and very gratifying to the supporters of the Government.—N. W. Herald.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The Enterprise didn't arrive until Thursday, about half-past one p. m., from New Westminster. The following passengers arrived in her: Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Miss McMurphy, Capt. Raymur, Capt. Parsons, H. Nelson, R. P. Ribbet, A. Watson, Jackson, A. T. Bushby, J. Hovey, Ryder, Forsight, J. Farness, R. Drew, Ritchie, T. Spence, W. H. Smith, Marwick, J. McCartney, and C. M. McLeod.

REMEMBER THE DISTRESSED.—The inmates of the city prison were not forgotten on Xmas. The Town Council sent down a round of beef, some mutton, and a Xmas pudding; Messrs John Parker & Co., too, sent a splendid round of prime beef, as did also Mr. Reynolds.

POLITICAL MEETING.—Mr. Cogon, M.P.P., desires to meet his constituents to learn their views with regard to the Government scheme, on the projected dock which so largely affects his constituents. See notice elsewhere.

The Standard Life Assurance Company's Colonial Almanac for 1874 is being distributed to the public. It contains an amount of matter very interesting to the general reader.

THE HIGH MASS at the Catholic Church on Christmas eve, was attended by a large number of persons of all denominations.

Further of the Fire at Moody's Mill.

The flames originated in the lamp room; in a few minutes the whole building was wrapped in flames, and in less than two hours the fine mill was a wreck. The temporary stoppage of the lumbering business by the calamity to the firm, must also affect and extend to the community in general. What caused the flames to break out is unknown, nor is it likely ever will be. The only person in the mill at the time was the watchman and fireman, who lost no time in giving the alarm, and a large force of men was rapidly progressed that comparatively little could be done. The mill building, together with all the saws, belting, shafts, &c., and at least one engine, are a total loss. The boilers are supposed to be but little injured, and it is hoped that the large engine (which had just been set up) has sustained no very serious damage. None of the lumber in the vicinity of the mill was lost. The schooner Matilda had some of her saws, spars, &c., burned, but the other shipping at the wharf escaped without injury.

POLICE COURT.—A klootchman for being drunk and disorderly, was fined the usual amount; and Bill, a Fort Rupert Indian, charged by Ah Que, with striking him on the face with his fist, and \$5, or in default seven days imprisonment.

PASSENGERS TO THE HOSPITAL.—Mr. F. Reynolds sent for Christmas Day, for the use of the Royal Hospital, a fine round of beef, quarter of mutton, keg of ale, and materials for a pudding. Mr. Hy. Saunders sent up four dozen of porter.

TAKEAWAY SHIPMENT.—The Prince Alfred takes away this morning treasure shipped as follows: Bank British North America, \$18,504 76; Bank British Columbia, \$4,448 68; F. Garesche, \$6,384 09. Total, \$33,337 53.

ABANDON.—Charles was arrested on Christmas evening for committing a felonious assault on a klootchman. He will appear before Mr. Elliott, S. M., this morning at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. Chamberlain lectures at the Alhambra Hall this evening, at half-past seven.

Lower Fraser Correspondence.

EDITOR STANDARD.—You will please allow me to notify the powers that be, who are about to bring in the estimates for the coming year, that if there is not a good round sum for the construction of the main trunk road, from the south side of the Fraser opposite New Westminster, towards Hope, they may as well, with the Indians, be referred to the political coffin, so that they may be decently laid out for burial. It is worse than "Barnum's humbug" for the Government of this colony, to keep highly paid Emigration Agents, to induce emigrants to come to British Columbia, when those already settled on the lands, are left without roads to transport their produce to the seaboard, to find a market. At the present time the best that supplies the markets of Victoria and New Westminster, is imported from a foreign country, while the pioneer farmers of the mainland have been paying road tax to go into the general market. Not one cent has been paid out on the main road above referred to, which, if opened, would enable the farmers of the lower Fraser to drive their surplus cattle to market at the time of the year they require cash to settle their bills with the merchants, thereby enabling them to commence the new year with clean skirts and fresh horses. There is enough beef and pork in the Langley District alone to supply the New Westminster market for the winter, if this road was fit for travel. And if the road was made through to Sumas and Chilliwack, it would stop the necessity of importing supplies of this sort from the neighboring country, which would distribute so much cash among the pioneer settlers. When I reflect on the conduct of the members who have gone from the Mainland to Victoria to represent their constituents, it reminds me of the old lady who was instructed by her husband John, the ploughman, on a cold March day, to take care to bring him home a good fat "brose." She complied with his request so far as making the "brose" was concerned, but instead of taking it to John in the fall of the plough, she turned and then ate it all herself, and then she said, "I have done your bidding, but I have not brought you the 'brose'." The old lady had rather overdone the inner man, and some of our representatives seem to do. But now that my hand is in, allow me to say a word or two about our M. P.'s who go all the way to Ottawa to sell themselves out on Sir J. A. Macdonald's "brose," and who have been foolish enough to forget the interests of their constituents by pledging themselves to support and lie by the shrine of their departed master, reminding one very much of a well-treated dog, who would watch over his master's old boots until the cocks would crow in the morning. Such may be called faithful, but it is only the fidelity of a dog.

MAINLAND PIONEER. [We are happy to be able to inform our respected correspondent that the local Government has more than anticipated the views and wants of his and the other districts of the lower Fraser, in the matter of roads, in proof of which a reference to the Governor's speech is invited.—Ed.]

Spiritualism.

EDITOR STANDARD: I am much obliged to you for your notice of me, and your suggestions in reference to the discrepancies between my coming to the life of Mrs. Chamberlain through the organism of my "companion," Mrs. Chamberlain. I gladly comply, and to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock, I will endeavor to do so, and in the meantime I will try to show the difference between the beauties of our spiritual philosophy, and the absurdities of professed Christianity; hoping that nothing may be said by me to offend the ears of the most fastidious lady or gentleman. I am sorry that any one should accuse me of blasphemy, or anything bordering on it, and to the ministers of Victoria, reverend gentlemen, I will show when called upon by you, language in the Bible more God dishonoring and blasphemous than have ever come from the lips of Mrs. Chamberlain, or any other true spiritualist. I notice one thing among Christians, it seems impossible for them to hear anything straight. A few evenings since, Mrs. Chamberlain said that the theatre was owned by several gentlemen, we might hire it, but if it belonged to Christ we could not. She supposed this has been handed around, or rather something in its stead. She is represented as having said that Christ hired the Alhambra Hall for us to entertain the Continentalists, we might hire it, but if it belonged to Christ we could not. "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Be assured, Brother STANDARD, that I have no condemnation for my reverend brethren in your good city.

Respectfully, E. W. SHORTIDGE.

Victoria, Dec. 26, 1873.

The Washington Treaty in Connection with the Dease Lake Mines.

An influential London journal in commenting upon the famous Washington Treaty refers to the free navigation of the Stickeen and other rivers on this Coast in connection with the new diggings at Dease Lake, thus showing that their discovery has already attracted the attention of the English Press. The article, is as follows:—"There are Englishmen who believe the Treaty of Washington gave everything to one of the high contracting parties and nothing to the other. This was not so. Under Article 23, the Stickeen river, in Alaska, is to be 'for ever free and open for the purpose of commerce to the subjects of Great Britain. The treaty has the same effect upon the commerce of the Porcupine and the Yukon rivers, the latter 'one of the largest and longest and in the world.' This is something for us as a nation to be proud of. Whatever else we lost by the blundering of our diplomacy, have we not acquired the perpetual right to navigate the Stickeen, Porcupine, and the Yukon? It is true these rivers are our own for a portion of their course, and that their course is towards the North Pole. Still were we a boastful people, the acquisition of the undisputed right to sail for ever, for the purpose of commerce at least, down or up these Polar streams is worth a boast. And the gratification every Englishman must feel at this arrangement must be enhanced when he learns we have not unduly prosecuted our own interests in the matter. In return or this concession to us the river St. Lawrence is 'for ever free and open' to our Yankee brethren. The Alaska Herald, partly printed in the Russian language, pretends to have some doubt whether this is a 'fair stand-off.' Our contemporary has of course more interest in the Alaskans, if there are any, than in all the New Englanders in the world; for what is the St. Lawrence to him or to his half frozen patrons and subscribers? He, according to the fact that the Stickeen is navigable to Buckle Bar, eighty miles from the Dease Lake gold mines, makes it almost idle to hope that the new diggings will be of much benefit to American merchants." He finds consolation, however, in the future; for "the American eagle will spread her wings some day and make the thing all right." As for us, we may derive our consolation in the fact that henceforth we have the undisputed right to navigate the rivers in Alaska.

Latest from Ottawa.

Special to the Mainland Guardian.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15th.

At the close of the Poll for West Toronto at 5 o'clock this evening, the vote stood thus:—

Moss (Reform).....1,560

Bickford (Tory).....1,040

Majority for Moss..... 520

There was great rejoicing when the result became known, as the whole of the Country of West Toronto was formerly held by Crawford, the Corruptionist, who was re-elected in 1872 by a large majority.

Thompson and Dewdney are still here, but inactive.

Hinks is determined to retain his seat until the Statutes are enforced against him.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Ross was elected to-day by a large majority, his opponent Campbell, getting only a few votes.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—George Brown has been raised to the Senate.

I expect to send you important information to-morrow.

General Dispatches.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—The Commercial Club of Boston, was entertained with a dinner here last evening, by the Board of Trade. One result of their visit will be the establishment of a line of steamers between Boston and Europe, by which this city will have connection via Vermont Central Railroad.

The Hudson Bay Company's ship Lady Head is in James' Bay, with \$36,000 worth of furs on board.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 17.—The body of Dutch troops under command of General Van Swieten, which lately landed on the coast of Achén, had an engagement with the Sultan's army and defeated it.

ROME, Dec. 17.—The Papal Nuncio at Paris has been notified that Archbishop of Paris, Cambria and Valencia have been elevated to the College of Cardinals.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—A Council of War has been appointed to examine a plan of campaign submitted by Brig-General Dovato for the complete crushing of the Cuban insurrection.

Fifty arrests were made at Barcelona of persons engaged in demonstrations in favor of declaring Barcelona an independent Canton.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—An ordinance is officially promulgated to-day ordering that in the future all Bishops upon their installation shall swear to maintain the complete subordination to the State, and to cooperate in the suppression of intrigues.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The steamer Acapulco arrived to-night.

The celebration of the Independence of the 15thmas, was celebrated on the 28th of November—the 29th anniversary.

General Neira, Ex-President, who failed in his attempted coup d'état, left Panama on the 27th, for Buenaventura.

Business in Panama is still dull, and made more so by the failure of the banking house of Field, Penzo & Co., in Aspinwall.

According to the *Officiale Gazette*, the Republic of Nicaragua is considered to be in a state of war, in consequence of the expedition of Col. Tinoco from Costa Rica, which at the date of the 22d was near to the frontier of Nicaragua. Not much fear is entertained that he will

succeed, as Honduras may by considerable force from Salvador and Guatemala still occupy that State.

The bombardment of the Castle of Onos in Honduras, by the British ship Niphe, Captain Lorraine, is still exciting a great deal of attention in most of the States of Central America.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala has directed the Honduras Minister in London also to complain of it on his part to the British Government as an unfriendly act.

Honduras gave in its adhesion to the treaty of alliance between Nicaragua and Guatemala.

Details of the Surrender of the Virginias.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A correspondent of the Times who was present at the surrender of the Virginias, telegraphs from Key West that the surrender of the Virginias took place at Bahia Honda yesterday morning. The fast steam yacht Dispatch was selected to receive the Virginias, and Captain Whiting, of the Worcester, was selected to command her. He was accompanied by Lieut. Adolphus Mansix, Master George A. Calhoun and Assistant Engineer N. H. London. The crew consisted of 39 men from the Pawnee.

The Dispatch sailed from Key West, Sunday and reached Bahia Honda about noon Monday. As soon as the Dispatch was signalled from the shore the Spanish flag, bearing the crown, notwithstanding the Republican edict abolishing that monarchial emblem, was flung to the breeze. We distinguished a black, side-wheeled steamer, with two smoke stacks, beyond the fort, and in perfectly smooth water. No other craft, except two or three coasting schooners, were visible, and it was not until we were about to come ashore that we discovered a Spanish sloop-of-war close under the shore. She was about two miles and a half away and proceeded slowly and steadily, and anchored about 400 yards from the Virginias. Almost immediately afterwards a boat from the Spanish vessel came alongside the Virginias, and at a quarter to 2 o'clock the Stars and Stripes were raised by Spanish hands again, and floated over the vessel which carried Ryan, Vanos, Frye and their comrades to their death.

A boat was then pulled away. At the same moment we saw, by aid of glasses, another boat let down from the Spanish vessel, which proved to be the Captain's gig. It brought to the Dispatch a young Spanish officer in full uniform. He was courteously met at the gangway by Capt. Rodgers, and he introduced himself as Senor de la Camera; commanding the sloop of war Favorite. He was invited into the cabin, but being informed by Capt. Rodgers that Capt. Whiting was to receive the surrender, he stepped briskly toward the latter and the Spaniard and American lifted their caps in courteous salute. Camera remarked that he had received a copy of the protocol requiring the surrender of the Virginias, and was prepared to execute it, either on that or the following day. Captain Whiting replied that he was instructed to receive the vessel on Tuesday, but the hour would be left to the convenience of the Spanish commander. It was then agreed that the ceremony should take place at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Salutes were again exchanged, and Senor de la Camera left the ship, the interview not having lasted more than five minutes. In the afternoon, Capt. Whiting and Lieut. Mansix returned the call, and were received with proper courtesies. On Tuesday morning punctually at the bells on the Dispatch struck 9 o'clock, the American flag flew to the flag-staff of the Virginias, and at the same moment a boat containing Capt. Whiting and Lieut. Mansix put away from the Dispatch. As they ascended the accommodation ladder of the Virginias a single man was on deck, who proved to be Senor de la Camera, who advanced, made a salute to the officers, and remarked that in obedience to the requirements of his Government, he had the honor to turn over the steamer Virginias to the American authorities. Capt. Whiting accepted, and ascertained that a receipt would be acceptable, gave one to the Spaniard, who stepped over the side, signalled to his men, and in ten minutes was upon the deck of his own vessel.

The Virginias was in a most filthy condition and was leaking considerably. The Spanish Captain stated that he had kept her pumps going continually since her arrival, in order to keep the water down. The Virginias steamed about 200 yards, all going well, when her engines suddenly refused to do duty, and it became necessary for the Dispatch to take her in tow, and the two vessels went out of the harbor briefly, Spanish flags being displayed by force as they passed. In an hour we were at sea. The Virginias was soon again under steam. The Dispatch ceased to tow her, and the vessel steamed together towards Tortugas. When the steamers reached Tortugas they found U. S. sloop-of-war Osageps awaiting their arrival.

The Dry Dock Question.

EDITOR STANDARD:—In your report of my observations in the Legislative Assembly, upon the Esquimalt dry dock scheme, you represent me as having said that I had an interview with Sir John Macdonald on the subject. My statement was to this effect: "That I had spoken to the Minister of Finance about the matter. Mr. Tilley held that position at the time; I had no conversation with Sir John about the dry dock."

Yours, etc., A. ROCKE ROBERTSON.

Victoria, Dec. 26, 1873.

Diocesan Synod.

EDITOR STANDARD:—In your issue of the 25th inst. I observe a letter signed "R. W." As there are several persons amongst us with those initials, and as the epistle referred to contains some very personal and uncalled for remarks regarding our worthy Bishop, I think it only fair that the writer should publish his name.

ANOTHER R. W.

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next preceding Session and the consideration
of the Bill.
Before any Petition, praying for leave to
bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a
Toll Bridge, is presented to the House, the
person or persons intending to present the
Bill shall, upon giving the notice pre-
scribed by the preceding rule, also at the
same time and in the same manner, give
notice of the rates which they intend to
ask, the extent of the privilege, the
height of the arches, the interval
between the abutments or piers for the
passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning
also whether they intend to erect a draw-
bridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.
J. ROLAND HETT,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
2nd August, 1875.

FREE GRANTS.
The following is published for the in-
formation of Settlers desirous of
availing themselves of the Free
Grant Clauses of the Land Amend-
ment Act, 1873.
ON A MEMORANDUM DATED 14th July,
1875, from the Hon. the Chief Com-
missioner of Lands and Works reporting that it
is necessary to set aside at once certain sec-
tions of Land in the Province of Free Grant
Sections under the provisions of the Land
Amendment Act, 1873:
And recommending that One Hundred and
Sixty Acres be allowed on the East Coast of
Vancouver Island, between Cheatham Point
and Fort Rupert (being a distance of about
ninety statute miles) and East of the Cascade
Range the quantity allowed to be taken for a
Free Grant be Two Hundred and Forty Acres
and that in N. W. Westchester District the
Chief Commissioner be authorized to set
apart two Townships, in which Free Grants
of an extent of One Hundred and Sixty Acres
may be located.
The Committee advise that the recom-
mendation be approved.
(Signed) A. DeCOSMOS,
President of the Council.
Approved in Council,
JOSEPH W. TRUTCH,
25 July, 1875.
By Command, JOHN ASH.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
August 21st 1875.
AS it is desirable, in view of framing a
scheme for Assisted Immigration to the
Province of British Columbia, that the Gov-
ernment should be possessed of the fullest
data on which to base calculation as to the
number of persons resident in the Province
who might be desirous of availing themselves,
in the interest of friends, relatives, &c., of
any arrangements that may be hereafter made
by the Government of the Province in this
behalf, all persons settled in the Province who
may desire to bring out relatives or friends,
and all employers who may wish to bring out
laborers or servants, are requested to send
the fullest particulars to the Provincial Sec-
retary.
Those desirous of bringing out friends or
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sired object.
With regard to those desirous of bringing
out labourers or servants, a guarantee would
be required for the repayment to the Gov-
ernment, at stated periods, of the amount ad-
vanced for passage, and applicants must state that
they are prepared to give the same.
It will be fully understood that by the pre-
sent notice the Government do not bind them-
selves to carry out any application
under a general plan of Assisted Immigration
at present, but merely to obtain requisite
preliminary information.
By Command, JOHN ASH,
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PUBLIC NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by an
Order in Council dated 20th Sept.,
1875, it was determined that pre-emption,
who have recorded land in error, as a pre-
emption purchase, under the Land Ordinance
of 11th April, 1865, subsequent to the 20th
October, 1870, and who have paid a dep-
osit of two shillings and one penny per acre
should be permitted to purchase land at the
rate of one dollar per acre, subject to the
Land Ordinance, 1870 and 1873, and by
complying with the Regulations as to the
purchase of unsurveyed land under date 27th
August, 1875, excepting as to the payment
of a record fee of five Dollars, and by sub-
stituting Fifty cents per acre in lieu of one
dollar as contained in Section 2 of said Reg-
ulations.
ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chief Commissioner Lands and Works.
Victoria, 23rd September, 1875. 1624

PUBLIC NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by an
Order in Council, dated 20th Sept.,
1875, it was determined that the price of
Mineral Land, with the right to take Coal
and all the base metals and minerals, should
be Ten Dollars per Acre, payable half in
cash and the balance in two years, or pre-
sumption to survey and issue of Crown Grant,
and that no person should be allowed either
directly or indirectly to purchase more than
Six Hundred and forty acres as above.
ROBERT BEAVEN,
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PRIVATE BILLS.
THE TIME FOR RECEIVING PETITIONS
for Private Bills in the next session of
the Legislative Assembly, will expire on the
7th day of January, 1876.
J. ROLAND HETT,
Clerk of the Assembly. 1618

New Advertisements.
PROCLAMATION.
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CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA by the Grace of God, of the Uni-
ted Kingdom of Great Britain and Ire-
land, QUEEN, Defender of the faith, &c.
To all to whom these presents shall come,
GREETING.
A PROCLAMATION.
GEO. A. WALKER, WHEREAS More than
two thirds in number of the resident land owners or oc-
cupiers in Sooke District have applied under
"The Fence Ordinance, 1869," that the said
District shall be erected into a Fence District
NOW KNOW YE that by virtue of the
authority contained in "The Fence Ordinance,
1869," the Lieutenant-Governor in Council
herby proclaims: That all and singular
provisions and conditions of "The Fence
Ordinance, 1869," in that behalf provided.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused
these Our Letters to be made Patent, and
the Great Seal of Our said Province to be
hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honorable
JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieu-
tenant-Governor of Our said Province, in Our
City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this
TWENTY-THIRD day of DECEMBER, in the
year of Our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and seventy-five, and in the
thirty-seventh year of Our Reign.
By Command, JOHN ASH,
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GEO. A. WALKER, WHEREAS the meeting of the
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the City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Twenty-seventh
day of November instant, to have been commenced
and held, and every of you, citizens,
NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and con-
siderations, and taking into consideration the ease and con-
venience of Our living subjects, we have thought fit, by
and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the
Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each
of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, by
providing, and by these presents enjoining you, and each
of you, to attend at the meeting of the LEGISLATIVE
Assembly of Our said Province, on Thursday, the TWENTY-
THIRD day of DECEMBER next, you meet
at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DIS-
PATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and
conclude upon all matters and business of the
Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council
of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have caused these Our Let-
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seventy-five, and in the thirty-seventh year of Our
Reign.
By Command, CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Registrar Supreme Court. 1618

PUBLIC NOTICE.
TENDERS FOR THE "Tender for Gold-
stream and Cowichan Road" will be
received by the undersigned up to noon of
Thursday the 10th proximo, for the con-
struction of a Wagon Road from Sayward's
Mill to Goldstream House.
Plans and specifications can be seen at this
Office.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily
accepted.
With each tender must be enclosed the
names of two responsible persons willing to
give security for the due completion of the
work to the amount of one-third the contract
price.
ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, Dec. 11th, 1875. 1612d

ROAD TAX.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that if all
Road Taxes, and arrears of Road Tax,
due and owing in the following Districts:—
Sooke, Metochin, Highland, Lake, North
and South Saanich, and Victoria, be not paid
forth with, proceedings will be instituted for
recovering the same.
RICHARD WOODS, Collector. del
Sheriff's Office, Victoria. 1612

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
22nd November, 1875.
HIS Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR
has been pleased to place the following
gentlemen on the Commission of the Peace
for the Province of British Columbia:—
RICHARD ROY, THOMAS MARSHALL, and
WILLIAM CHADWICK, of Lillooet, Esquires. 1624

NOTICE.
ALL PERSONS having Claims against
the Lands & Works Department are
requested to present their accounts for pay-
ment not later than the 10th inst.
R. BEAVEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Land Office, Dec. 3rd, 1875. 1624

STEAMER ENTERPRISE
THE HUDSON'S BAY CO.'S
Steamer Enterprise will leave here on
Wednesday following each date. 1618

Municipal Council Notices.
PUBLIC NOTICE.
Corporation of the City of
Victoria.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that unless
the Taxes due to the Corporation be paid to me
forthwith I shall proceed to recover the same under the
20th Section of "The Municipality Act Amendment Act,
1873."
In case any person neglects to pay his taxes for
fourteen days after a demand has been made, the Col-
lector shall by himself, or his agent, levy and collect the
same, by distress of the goods and chattels of the person
who ought to pay the same, or of any goods or chattels
in his possession, wherever the same may be found within
the Province.
THOS. RUSSELL, Collector M. C. 1622

**Just Received Ex Prince
Alfred.**
XMAS DRIED FRUITS & NUTS,
Eastern & California Eggs,
Groceries & Provisions.
For Sale Low by
BAINES & PITTS.
Department of
MARINE & FISHERIES.
Light House Provisions.

NOTICE.
Steamer Sir James Douglas.
ON AND AFTER TUESDAY
next, the 11th inst., the Steamer Sir
James Douglas will leave Messrs. James, Rhodes & Co.'s
Wharf, at 1 o'clock every Tuesday Morning.
No freight will be received after five o'clock on the
Evening before sailing except at the risk and expense of
shippers.
JOHN WILSON,
THE "GARRICK'S HEAD" INN
BASTION STREET.

**BRANCH
OF THE
JAPANESE STORE,**
GOVERNMENT STREET.
WILL OPEN THE FIRST WEEK IN
December with the fullest and most complete
stock of
Ladies' & Children's Boots & Shoes
Ever offered in this City.
Also—A Complete Stock of Ladies' and Chil-
dren's Hosiery,
Late from the English and French Markets. Selected
with great care.
Ladies are particularly asked to call and examine the
Stock in the store formerly occupied by Mr. Piper, next
door to Victoria House. 1620

**Belmont Tanning & Boot & Shoe
Manufacturing Co., Limited.**
A SEVENTH CALL OF TEN PER CENT
upon the Capital of the Company, was resolved
on and made the 6th Dec., 1875, and shall be paid on
or before the 6th January next at the Bank of British
Columbia.
By order of the Directors, J. C. BAINES, Secretary. 1620

**PRIVATE
BOARDING HOUSE!**
The above establishment is conducted by
MRS. C. MASON.
BOARD, per WEEK, \$5 00
BEDS, do do per DAY, 75 00
RENT, do do per WEEK, 50 00
NEALS, do do per WEEK, 25 00
Every attention paid to the Comfort of Boarders. 1620

ANGEL HOTEL.
LANCLEY STREET.
LATE BAILLY'S.....LATE EBERHARDT'S
Charles Morton, Proprietor.
THIS OLD ESTABLISHED BUSINESS
having been purchased by the above will be con-
ducted on with strict regard for the comfort of his Patrons,
and he hopes by so doing to merit a continuance of the
liberal share of patronage accorded to his predecessor.
THE SCALE OF CHARGES:—
Board and Lodging per Week, \$5 00
do do do per DAY, 75 00
Board per Week, 50 00
Single Meals, 25 00
Beds, 10 00
The Bar is well supplied with the Best Wines, Liquor
and Cigars.
A Fire-proof Safe in the House. 1620d

**THOS. STOREY
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GOVERNMENT STREET, NEAR FORT.
VICTORIA, B. C. 1623 17

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE STEAMER
PRINCE ALFRED
892 TONS.
CARRYING HER MAJESTY'S MAILS
will leave Victoria for San Francisco on the 12th and 21
of each month.
For freight or passage apply to
R. BRODRICK & Co., Agent. 1624

Miscellaneous Advertisements.
HALL'S SAFES.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE BEEN AP-
pointed Agents for British Columbia of
HALL'S CELEBRATED
SAFE & LOCK COMPANY
and are prepared to take orders for every
description of
SAFES.
Photos of each number can be seen at our
Office.
J. P. DAVIES & CO.
Wharf Street. 1614

PHILHARMONIC HALL
FORT STREET.
Skating! Skating!!
THE SKATING RINK WILL BE OPEN
on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 P.
M. to 9 P. M., and at 2.30 P. M. till 10 o'clock P. M.
Prof. Schaffer's Band will be in
attendance.
ADMITTANCE—Ladies free; Gentlemen 25 cents.
Use of Skates 25 cents.

AH LUN
Manufacturer of
HAVANA CIGARS
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JOHNSON STREET. 1621 17

FURNITURE
BEDDING OF ALL KINDS,
CROCKERY,
Glass & Platedware,
Tinned and Enamelled Saucepans
CUTLERY,
Dinner and Tea Sets.
CARPETS,
Table & Floor OILCLOTH
CHINA MATTING.
A Fine Assortment of Black Alpaca
Also—A large assortment of
House FURNISHING GOODS
Received per Prince of Wales.
Furniture Repaired, Bought and Ex-
changed.
Dinner Plates 50 Cents per Dozen.
Mansell & Holroyd,
Cor. Yates & Douglas streets
1615 3m

**HENRY SHORT,
GUN AND RIFLE MAKER,**
HAS RECEIVED PER EXPRESS FROM
London,
Double and Single Barreled Fowling Pieces,
Breech and Muzzle loading Rifles,
Henry's Rifles,
Colt's, Smith & Wesson's, Sharp's Repeater
Ballard's Derringer and other Pistols
always on hand.
Apparatus for Loading and Recapping
Central Fire and Pin Breechloaders.
Cartridge Cases and Caps for ditto.
Powder Flasks, Shot Bags, Powder Horns.
METALLIC CARTRIDGES for Henry's, Smith
& Wesson's, Ballard's, Spencer's and other
Rifles.
Fishing Tackle.
SPORTING AND POCKET CUTLERY, from the
Government Street. 1613 3m

**EDWARD MOHUN
CIVIL ENGINEER**
AND
SURVEYOR.
GOVERNMENT STREET, between Fort and Broughton
Streets. 1621 3m

NORRIS & WYLLY
Real Estate and General
Agents.
Accounts, and Average Adjusters.
Loans Negotiated, Settlements Effected, Ac-
counts audited.
RENTS & DEBTS COLLECTED
Government Street, Victoria, 20th November, 1875. 1619d

Protestant Orphan's Home
THE ABOVE INSTITUTION HAS BEEN
established at
VICTORIA, B. C.
to provide for the support and education of Orphan and
destitute Children, free of expense.
Also parties wishing to place their children in the Home
and able to pay for their support in whole or in part,
can ascertain the terms of admission by addressing
the Secretary of the Orphan's Home, Victoria.
Wanted
A SITUATION AS BOOK-KEEPER AS-
sistant Book-keeper or Copyist.
Address W. B. K. P. O., Victoria.
1613 2m

Estate of Wallace & Hutcheson.
ALL PERSONS WHO DO NOT ON
before the 1st January next, deliver to the under-
signed on account of their claims against the above
estate will be declared from participating in any divi-
dend which may then be declared.
Dated at Victoria, 17th December, 1875. 1618

School Notice.
THE TEACHERSHIP OF SOUTH Saanich
School will be vacant on the 31st December
next. Any person holding the necessary certificate can
apply for the situation by letter addressed to the Sec-
retary to the Trustees South Saanich School District,
stating qualifications on or before that date. Salary
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